ESF Exploratory Workshop on

Making Europe: The Social Sciences and the Production of European Integration

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Main objectives of the workshop:

This exploratory workshop aims at initiating new research in the intersection of sociology of knowledge and political sociology of European integration. The workshop addresses the important but understudied question of how social scientific knowledge is entangled in the political, economic and cultural process of European integration. The workshop aims at a systematic conceptualization of the co-production of social scientific knowledge and the development of the European Union. The participants explore the potentials for a systematic mapping of the relation between social scientific knowledge and particular aspects of the European integration process. The workshop is funded by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

Research questions

This workshop – and subsequent interdisciplinary research project – investigates the entanglement between social scientific knowledge and European integration. It raises the following questions:

1. How is Europe made?
2. How have particular ideas and social scientific enquiries on Europe shaped political, economic and cultural European integration since World War II?
3. How do particular practices of European integration inform the social science’s choice of theories, methods and research questions?

Notwithstanding the general agreement that the social sciences play an important role in shaping ideas and practices of European integration, the process remains understudied. With this research project, we initiate a systematic conceptualization of the entanglement, providing a first step...
towards an analysis of the interplay between social science research and practices of European integration, understood broadly as a political, legal, economic, social, cultural and philosophical phenomenon. The point of departure for this project is the observation that the European Union – on the one hand – contributes to the production of particular forms of knowledge and specific research questions (e.g. Eurobarometer, EU framework programmes, cross-national and cross-disciplinary mega-projects, and various kinds of statistics used in benchmarking national performance) and – on the other hand – that particular theories and political ideologies are producing particular European practices and institutionalize a particular form of European integration (the Economic and Monetary Union, financial regulation, free movement of people, asylum systems, counter-terrorism etc.).

Studying this uncharted relation between social scientific knowledge and European integration, we build on the new wave in the sociology of knowledge (e.g. Camic, Gross & Lamont (eds.), 2011 & Jasanoff, 2004) and Pierre Bourdieus’ field theory (Bourdieu, 1996). Combining the two theoretical traditions the project aims at explaining how social structures, ideas and social scientific knowledge shape cultural, political and economic institutions and processes in Europe. The new wave of sociology of science has addressed the relations between states and science, and shown how “… states … are made of knowledge, just as much as knowledge are made of states” (Jasanoff, 2004; 3). Following Jasanoff’s framework, we study the relations between European integration and the social sciences science as four different ways of producing social orders: identities, institutions, discourses and representations. These instruments are addressed at the workshop through a focus on three major political aspects of the European integration process: economy and production (session 1), borders and legal orders (session 2) and culture and identities (session 3).

Workshop organisation

At the workshop, the organizers will present a co-authored draft paper that frames the project theoretically and analytically. This will be followed by presentations by leading scholars from the disciplines of economy, political science, sociology of law, philosophy of science and sociology of knowledge.

The first session, ordering economy and production, addresses ideas and practices of economic integration in the EU. We look at how social scientific knowledge contributes to the design of economic institutions such as the euro, the internal market, the production of consumers, discourses on regulation and deregulation, the control of financial markets and representations of the current economic crisis.

In the second session, political and legal borders and orders, participants focus on the construction of a common political and legal order. We address how social sciences are involved in and shaped by processes of labor migration (both legal and illegal), the development of the Schengen system, production of EU citizen rights and ideas of federalism and constitutionalism in the EU’s acquis communautaire.

The third and last session addresses the question of how social scientific knowledge relates to the production of particular European cultures and identities. We deal with questions such as education, mobility and the idea of a European public sphere.
Preliminary Programme

Sunday 3 February 2013
Afternoon/evening  Arrival

Monday 4 February 2013
9:15- 09:45  Introduction:  Kristoffer Kropp and Rebecca Adler-Nissen
09:45 -10.00  Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)  
Diego de la Hoz del Hoyo (ESF Science Review Group for the Social Sciences)

Session 1: Ordering economy and production
10:00 -11:00  The Social Sciences and the Economic and Monetary Union  
Professor Magnus Ryner, Oxford Brookes University  
The European Commission and changing ideas about the internal market  
Professor Ben Rosamond, University of Copenhagen
11.00-11:30  Tea and coffee
11:30-12:30  The creation of a European socio-economic classification: limits of expert driven statistical integration  
Dr Jay Rowell, University of Strasbourg  
The practitioner’s view: Economics and the making of the Economic Monetary Union  
Professor Emeritus Niels Thygesen, University of Copenhagen
12:30-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:00  Discussion of session 1  Discussion of session 1 (discussant: Professor Ole Wæver,  
University of Copenhagen & associated professor Laura Horn, Roskilde University)

Session 2: Political and legal borders and orders
15:00-15:30  The social construction of EU law  
Professor Antoine Vauchez, Sorbonne University
15:30-16:00  Tea and coffee
16:00-16:30  Discussion of session 2  (discussant: Professor Lars Bo Kaspersen, University of Copenhagen)
16:30-18:00  Get-together, informal social event. Place: Dept. Political Science, University of Copenhagen
19:00  Dinner, Restaurant Orangeriet, Kongens Have, Kronprinsessegade 13, 1306 København K

Tuesday 5 February 2013
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9:30 -10:30  Enlargement and the circulation of institutional standards
Professor Ole Hammerslev, University of Southern Denmark

Democratic theory and the EU as a political order
Professor Christopher Lord, ARENA Centre for European Studies

10:30-11:00 Discussion of session 2 (discussant: Professor Lars Bo Kaspersen, University of Copenhagen & Professor Hans-Jörg Trenz, University of Copenhagen) (second part of session 2)

11:00-11:30 Tea and coffee

Session 3: Cultures and identities

11:30-12:30 The routinization of EU studies: explaining the end of grand theory
Professor Virginie Guiraudon, Sciences Po, Paris
The technological constitution of Europe?
Professor Andrew Barry, University of Oxford

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 The free movement of people, migration and everyday integration Professor Adrian Favell, Sciences Po, Paris
What is the nature of the relationship between changes in European higher education and social science research on higher education and why does it matter Professor Rosemary Deem, University of London

15:00-15:30 Tea and coffee

15:30 -16:30 Discussion of session 3 (discussant: Head of Department Carsten Strøby Jensen, University of Copenhagen & Professor Niilo Kauppi, CNRS, Strasbourg)

16:30- 18.00 Concluding remarks and discussion on follow-up activities with Rebecca Adler-Nissen and Kristoffer Kropp

19:00  Dinner, Restaurant Bibendum, Nansensgade 45, 1366 København K

Wednesday 6 February 2013

Morning  Departure
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- to help support innovative research ideas and approaches emanating from the scientific community, and
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